

NO HOPE FOR BEER, WHEELER ASSERTS

Dry Leader Confident Foes of Prohibition Are Doomed to Another Defeat

NO CHANCE FOR COME-BACK

Washington, Aug. 23.—While Congress yesterday was trying to reach an agreement on the beer bill, Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel for the National Prohibition League, sat in a quiet room filled with battered office furniture and long shelves of law books, a room whose windows looked out upon the Capitol grounds. Asked what chance beer had of coming back, he smiled and replied: "About as much chance as there is of repealing the Eighteenth Amendment."

Then Mr. Wheeler leaned back and laughed. His laugh is infectious. He is not of legal aspect, neither does he look like a Sunday school superintendent. Even less does he resemble the caricatured reformer or blue-law advocate. Mr. Wheeler was told several millions of Americans were hoping against hope for a lifting of the lid. "Would the wine basis? What was the outlook for 'real beer'?" In this crisis in the lives of alcoholically thirsty Americans, what could he offer to relieve their suffering and anxiety. This was his answer: "Nothing—not a chance."

"Not a Chance for Beer?"

It is the dry's answer, for Mr. Wheeler, as general counsel for the most powerful prohibition organization in the world, and who has had his way with Congress down to the present moment, speaks as their acknowledged leader.

"There isn't a chance for beer," he asserted. "They may as well forget it. I say there is about as much chance of having beer back as there is in repealing the Eighteenth Amendment, and I say that because you can't enforce the Eighteenth Amendment with a beer exemption in the enforcement act. The answer is, then, whether we shall enforce the law or nullify it. And the answer to that is that it will be enforced."

"In every State where we have had a referendum vote on a beer amendment, we have doubled our dry majority. This applies to States like Michigan, Ohio, Colorado, Washington, Oregon, Arizona and others. There is no question where people stand. They realize, as we do, that beer is just a camouflage name to defeat the enforcement of prohibition."

"Looking into the future, what do you see?" he was asked.

"A dry country," was the prompt reply. "No amendment to the Federal Constitution has ever been repealed, once ratified, and the Eighteenth Amendment never will be. The only question is whether it will be enforced."

"But there are a good many Americans who don't agree with you?" he was reminded.

"They think the Volstead act, at least, will be modified, and that beer will come back to stay."

"Let 'em think it," he smiled. "We don't care!"

Dry Majority in Congress Sure

This naturally implied an implicit confidence in the dry control of Congress. He was asked about that angle of the question.

"The dry majority in Congress will grow stronger rather than weaker," was the reply, "because our people believe in law and order, and you cannot enforce national prohibition without having an adequate law enforcement code to do it. And this dry majority is a majority against beer as well as a majority against liquor."

"Why then, all the agitation for a liberalization of the prohibition act? Why are men demanding beer? And if enough of them demand it, why can't they get it? The answer to the first question and an indirect answer to the others came immediately."

"All propaganda. The brewers are busy. The score of wet organizations which have recently been organized may fool a few of their wet contributors, but they will never fool a majority of the people. The latest organization, called the Sanitary League of America, is organized to legalize the open sale of wines and beer. Such an organization might well be called the Inane League of America, because Congress will never nullify the Eighteenth Amendment in my judgment, by any such indefensible tactics."

That is the "dry" side of the story, and it is a side that has all its entries, since the prohibition account was opened, on the right side of the ledger. Everything the drys have asked, practically speaking, Congress has given them.

LIQUOR RUNNERS PAY \$800 IN FINES

Atlantic City Men Admit They Brought Intoxicants From Ship to Shore

ONE SENTENCE DEFERRED

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Special Prosecutor Gaskill explained that from information at hand small compensation was received by Harry Doughty, bayman and father of eight children, for carrying liquor in his boat, and the Court imposed a fine of \$200. Sentence was deferred on a second count.

With only one count against him Daniel Conover, also a bayman, was fined \$10. Both Conover and Doughty had been employed by Fertig to transport the liquor in their power boats.

Sentence was deferred in the case against Harry Trux, who pleaded non-vault to five counts, one for having liquor in his possession, two for transporting liquor from the schooner Marshall, and two for transporting liquor through Atlantic County. The action of the Court in deferring sentence was considered significant in that Trux is to appear before the Federal authorities on Thursday afternoon. It is generally believed that Trux gave the authorities considerable information touching the identity of the men higher up.

Albert Powell and Levi Trux, half brothers, pleaded guilty to having transported liquor in an automobile and were released under deferred sentences. The fines imposed on the first three men were paid and they were released. Judge Ingersoll will hear cases involving violations of the Van Ness act tomorrow.

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EXPLOSION BURNS WOMAN

Kerosene Lamp Also Causes \$20,000 Fire in Pottstown

Pottstown, Pa., Aug. 23.—Explosion of a kerosene lamp last night in the home of Mrs. Lloyd Leh resulted in serious burns to Mrs. Leh and a fire which badly damaged three dwellings, entailing about \$20,000 loss.

Howard Rex, a boarder at the Leh house, and Warren Umstead and Earl the latter's son, were burned while attempting to beat out the flames which enveloped Mrs. Leh. The entire Pottstown fire apparatus was brought out before the blaze was extinguished. Mrs. Leh's recovery is doubtful.

TARIFF FOR BRITAIN URGED

Australian Premier Wants High Wage Scales Throughout Dominion

London, Aug. 23.—(By A. P.)—Great Britain and her dominions stand before the world as one great commonwealth as a result of the deliberations of the Imperial Conference, declared Premier William M. Hughes, of Australia, speaking at a dinner given in his honor by the Empire League last night. Mr. Hughes advocated a protective tariff so that high wages might be maintained in the British Dominion.

"We depend upon each other," he declared, "not only for safety and security, but for daily bread. The Dominions and the people of these islands are bound by many ties, but by none more real and lasting than those of buyer and customer. The Dominions are the best customers England has, and Great Britain is the best buyer in the world of the products of the Dominions."

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